

for emergencies involving nuclear,
radiological, biological, or
chemical weapons or related materials.

(25) Sharing of the expertise and
capabilities of the Depart-
ment of Defense, which traditionally has
provided assistance
to Federal, State, and local officials
in neutralizing, dis-
mantling, and disposing of explosive ordnance,
as well as radio-
logical, biological, and chemical
materials, can be a vital
contribution to the development and
deployment of counter-
measures against nuclear, biological, and
chemical weapons
of mass destruction.

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(26) The United States lacks effective
policy coordination
regarding the threat posed by the
proliferation of weapons
of mass destruction.

SEC. 1403. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) The term "weapon of mass
destruction" means any
weapon or device that is intended, or has
the capability, to
cause death or serious bodily injury to a
significant number
of people through the release,
dissemination, or impact of—

(A) toxic or poisonous chemicals or
their precursors:

(27) a disease organism; or
(28) radiation or radioactivity.

(29) The term "independent states of the
former Soviet
Union" has the meaning given that term in
section 3 of the
FREEDOM Support Act (22 U.S.C. 5801).

(30) The term "highly enriched uranium"
means uranium
enriched to 20 percent or more in the isotope U-
235.

Subtitle A—Domestic Preparedness

**SEC. 1411. RESPONSE TO THREATS OF TERRORIST
USE OF WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION.**

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(a) ENHANCED RESPONSE CAPABILITY.—In light of the potential for terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction against the United States, the President shall take immediate action—

(31) to enhance the capability of the Federal Government to prevent and respond to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction; and

(32) to provide enhanced support to improve the capabilities of State and local emergency response agencies to prevent and respond to such incidents at both the national and the local level.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than January 31, 1997, the President shall transmit to Congress a report containing—

(1) an assessment of the capabilities of the Federal Government to prevent and respond to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction and to support State and local prevention and response efforts;

(2) requirements for improvements in those capabilities; and

(3) the measures that should be taken to achieve such improvements, including additional resources and legislative authorities that would be required.